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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: MARR, MPOL, SN, NZ, UK

SUBJECT: USN ACCESS TO STORES BASIN AND FUEL DEPOT

REF: LONDON 2800

1. DECOURCY-IRELAND TOLD US ON FEB 25 THAT HE HAD SENT A NOTE CONVEYING OUR REQUEST FOR UK TO DEFER ACTION SINGAPORE NAVAL FACILITIES TO INTERESTED OFFICES IN LONDON. HE CALLED SPECIFICALLY TO SAY THAT REACTIONS TO HIS NOTE HAD MADE HIM FEEL HE SHOULD WARN US THAT HMG CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PULL-OUT FROM SINGAPORE WILL BE PROCESSED VERY QUICKLY AND MAY SOON GAIN INERTIA WHICH COULD RESULT IN FINAL U.S. REQUEST BEING OUT OF DATE BY TIME IT IS RECEIVED BY HMG. POINT IS THAT U.S. SHOULD MAKE ITS SPECIFIC DESIRES KNOWN TO HMG AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: UK WITHDRAWAL FROM SINGAPORE IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT SINGLE OVERSEAS REDUCTION UNDER UK DEFENSE REVIEW. AS SUCH IT IS MOST IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF POLITICAL PRESENTATION OF DEFENSE REVIEW AS IT CAN BE  
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CITED AS A REAL REDUCTION IN DEFENSE ACTIVITIES AS A

COUNTER TO LEFT-WING LABOR CLAIMS THAT DEFENSE SPENDING  
ACTUALLY INCREASING. THUS WE CONCUR THAT DECISION-  
MAKING PROCESS ON THIS ITEM WILL MOVE VERY QUICKLY WITH  
U.S. CONCERNS TAKING SECOND PLACE TO UK DOMESTIC PRESEN-  
TATION OF ISSUE. IN SUM, IF WE WANT HMG TO HELP ON THIS  
ISSUE WE SHOULD MAKE A SPECIFIC REQUEST SOONEST. END  
COMMENT.

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